GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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TELEMEDICINE FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a proposal to provide telemedicine facilities in every district in the country; and

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented in different States?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)&(b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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At present, Government does not have a proposal to provide Telemedicine facilities in every district in the country. However, different projects with the application of Telemedicine for health care services have been undertaken by the Department of Space, Department of Information Technology and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in different parts of the country including the far flung areas.

Department of Space has provided telemedicine facilities at 142 centres including those at remote/rural/district hospitals and health centres which are connected to 34 specialty hospitals for tele-consultation and tele follow up while the Department of Information Technology has provided telemedicine facilities in 29 districts on a pilot basis.

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has initiated an Integrated Disease Surveillance Project (IDSP) under which all States and District Headquarters as well as Government Medical Colleges will be connected for data transfer, video conferencing and education with a focus on surveillance, early detection and response to the epidemic prone diseases. So far the network has been set up at 86 locations spread over 13 States. Under OncoNET India Project, it is being proposed to link all the 25 Regional Cancer Centres in the Country and develop further linkages with some peripheral centres for tele-consultation and tele-follow up.